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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Gang Sweep Nets 22 Motorcycle Gang Members

(U) Federal agents launched a sweeping operation against the Vagos biker gang Friday, arresting many of the group's leaders in raids throughout California, Nevada and Hawaii, authorities said. A grand jury indictment leveled federal racketeering charges against 23 people. Agents and police officers from various agencies led by Homeland Security Investigations took 22 of the suspects into custody, officials said. Prosecutors portrayed the gang as a "highly organized criminal organization" and accused the targeted members of carrying out many crimes, including murder, kidnapping and drug sales as part of an effort to bolster the gang's coffers and dominance over other biker gangs.

SOURCE: 16 June 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) San Diego – Coast Guard Offloads 18 Tons of Cocaine

(U) US Coast Guard personnel in San Diego last week offloaded roughly 18 tons of cocaine seized from ocean-going traffickers in the Eastern Pacific in recent months. The drug haul was intercepted in international waters off the coasts of Central and South America from March through this month, was unloaded by the crew of the US Coast Guard cutter Waesche. The load of cocaine resulted from 15 interdictions of suspected drug- smuggling vessels, known as pangas, and the capture of bales of the illegal narcotic dumped by suspected smugglers.

SOURCE: 16 June 2017, [Fox 5 San Diego](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Georgia – Study: Shootings Kill or Injure 19 Children Daily

(U) Atlanta – Shootings kill or injure at least 19 US children each day, with boys, teenagers and African Americans most at risk, according to a government study that paints a bleak portrait of persistent violence. The analysis of 2002-14 US data is billed as the most comprehensive study on the topic. The report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention involves children and teens through age 17. It was compiled by analyzing death certificates and emergency room reports.

SOURCE: 19 June 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mali – Four Extremists Killed in Resort Attack

(U) Bamako – Security forces killed at least four jihadis after the extremists attacked a resort spot popular with foreigners on the outskirts of Mali's capital yesterday in which two people were killed, the country's security minister said today. The jihadis yesterday afternoon attacked Campement Kangaba, yelling "Allah Akbar" and took hostages. Authorities said more than 30 people managed to escape although at least two people were killed. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which took place amid the final week of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

SOURCE: 19 June 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Syria – US Shoots Down Syrian Aircraft Near Raqqah

(U) Raqqah – A US warplane shot down a Syrian jet yesterday near the ISIS-held city of Raqqah, officials said, marking the latest escalation between the US and Syria since the blood-soaked civil war began six years ago. The Pentagon said the US-led coalition took the unprecedented move after a Syrian Su-22 attack aircraft bombed its allies who were fighting ISIS militants south of the city of Tabqah, roughly 25 miles west of Raqqah.

SOURCE: 18 June 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) United Kingdom – 10 Injured After Van Runs Over Muslim Worshippers Near Mosque

(U) London – A white man plowed a van into a crowd of Muslim worshippers outside a north London mosque this morning in an attack that police say they are investigating as a terrorist incident. Ten people were injured in the attack and police said another man died at the scene. Police said the 48-year-old man who was driving the van that hit people leaving evening prayers at the Finsbury Park mosque has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder. Police have not released his identity.

SOURCE: 19 June 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) United Kingdom – British Investigators Blame North Korea on Wanna Cry Attack

(U) London – British security officials believe that hackers in North Korea were behind the cyber-attack that crippled parts of the UK and other organizations around the world last month. Britain's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) led the international investigation. Security sources said that the NCSC believes that a hacking group known as Lazarus launched the attack. The same group is believed to have targeted Sony Pictures in 2014.

SOURCE: 16 June 2017, [BBC](#)

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